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November 13, 2000

Jane Henney, Commissioner Food and Drug Administration  
Docket #oop-1211/CP1  
5630 Fishers Ln, Room 1061 (HFA-305)  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Hanney:

I am writing to you out of my deep concern for the huge insurrection of genetically altered crops that are being introduced into our market place. These foods are potentially dangerous and should be monitored and studied before being allowed to enter mainstream America's food supply. These seeds represent a loss of biodiversity, the potential for genetic drift as pollen of altered plants mingles with traditional varieties, increase in allergies and other health problems, and a greater reliance of chemicals required for GE crops. However the most frightening aspect of GE crops is the control of the worlds seeds through patents owned by a few corporations, placing even more corporate control on the world food supply.

I strongly urge you to ensure that no new genetically engineered foods or products with GE ingredients be released until the Food and Drug Administration requires long-term safety testing of all GE foods before the go to market. I also believe that all GE foods presently on the market be labeled, giving consumers the right to know what is in the the food they are eating. The FDA does it for medications. Americans have just as much right to know what is in their food as well!!!

Sincerely,

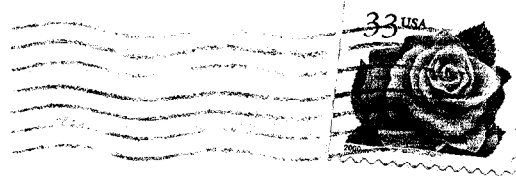
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